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“ I HAVE AUTHORED AND
CO-SPONSORED LEGISLATION
TO CUT FOREIGN OIL USAGE,
STRENGTHEN NATIONAL
SECURITY, AND LOWER ENERGY
PRICES FOR THE LONG TERM.”

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Legislation to reduce our dependence on foreign oil



Encourage renewable energy sources, and production of electric and hybrid cars



Mandate an increase in car fuel efficiency standards to 35 miles per gallon

Congressman Eliot Engel is working to reduce oil dependence and protect our environment

Congressman Eliot Engel is a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee and co-chair of the House's Oil and National Security Caucus.

He is a leader in efforts to reduce America's dependence on oil imports, strengthen our security, combat global warming and improve our environment.

Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act

In February, Congressman Engel voted for the Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act. This legislation would (1) end the billions in taxpayer subsidies to big oil companies and (2) continue and expand tax incentives for renewable electricity, energy and fuel, and hybrid cars, energy efficient homes, buildings and appliances.

With oil as high as \$135 per barrel and experts saying that gasoline is on its way to well over \$4 per gallon, this legislation will cut energy use, make the environment cleaner and create American jobs.

Energy Independence and Security Act

Engel authored critical parts of the New Direction for Energy Independence, National Security, and Consumer Protection Act.

This legislation mandates the increase of car fuel efficiency to 35 mpg from the current 25 mpg, the first increase since 1975. It provides assistance for businesses to create energy-efficient workplaces, and incentives for the development and production of advanced vehicle technologies and hybrid automobiles, including cars that use ethanol and hybrids.

"Clean, renewable and efficient energy means the development of new technologies that invigorate our economy and create new jobs as well as lower energy costs and combat global warming," Engel stated.

The Safe Climate Act

Congressman Engel is a co-sponsor of the Safe Climate Act to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 80% below the 1990 emissions levels by 2050. It would establish a cap-and-trade system that would assist in solving the climate crisis, while giving businesses the time they need to achieve carbon emission reductions without harming our economy.

Protecting the Weatherization Assistance Program

Congressman Engel opposed proposals to eliminate the successful federal Weatherization Assistance Program. It has assisted 5.6 million low-income families in the last thirty years to permanently reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy efficient.

Renewal Energy in New York

Congressman Eliot Engel worked to obtain \$3.2 million in federal funds to generate environmentally sound and renewable energy using the tides of the East River.

The tide-powered turbines are "an example of the clean and renewable energy that America needs so urgently. When fully operational the turbines will be able to supply enough energy for 8,000 homes," Engel stated. The turbines will be on the river floor, and not interfere with fish or river traffic.

Funds for Mass Transit

Engel has also successfully obtained millions in federal funds for mass transit improvements for the Bronx, Rockland and Westchester.

"The better our mass transit, the more people will use it, eliminating car trips, saving energy, reducing congestion and improving air quality," Engel stated. The funds include grants for new energy efficient buses, and Metro North and New York City transit improvements.